MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Chief Engineer when the Deputy Chief Engineer was appointed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About 8 months ago Sir.

Deputy Chief Engineer.

173. ✻ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) What are the duties of the present Deputy Chief Engineer; and

(b) what the present Deputy Chief Engineer's qualifications are?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Assisting the Chief Engineer in all matters but essentially to control the office, regulate the work, check the details of all technical work particularly those relating to the Post War Works.

(b) B. A. and B. E. of the Madras University and wide practical experience in several project and construction works in the Madras P. W. D. and elsewhere.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that the Deputy Chief Engineer is a retired officer from more than one Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am perfectly aware Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether there are not persons in service, with similar experience?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No Sir, not with that special experience.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know what that special experience is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: He has wide practical experience in several project and construction works. He is considered to be one of the very good officers of investigation and execution.

Duties of the Deputy Chief Engineer.

174. ✻ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualifications of the Deputy Chief Engineer; and

(*b*) the functions and duties of the Deputy Chief Engineer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) and (*b*) The member is referred to the answer to Question No. 173.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is carrying on investigation in Travancore?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Mostly he is working in my office. He is assisting me in checking up details of all technical work. He is checking up accounts so that I may not have to go into the very details.

MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Is he checking work in fields?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I occasionally depute him to go and see things.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Has he ever gone to any field?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Recently I deputed him to go and check work in certain fields.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: If his experience and assistance are so very valuable why did the other Governments spare him?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: He retired from Baroda very recently.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is keeping very good health.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To the best of my knowledge he is keeping very good health.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

175 ❊ MR. J. T. MORAES *(Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum)*: Will the Government be pleased to state, whether the survey of the Vizhinjam Harbour has been completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. J. T. MORAES: When do the Government expect to complete the survey of the Vizhinjam Harbour?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: An officer has been appointed and the survey is nearly finished.

Irrigation.

176. ❊MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted to Parur taluk for purposes of irrigation during the current year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Rs. 24,125.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer the exact amount now spent in Parur?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I could not tell it offhand. I must collect data.

P. W. D. Reserve Fund.

177. ❊ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI *(Tiruvalla)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a P. W. D. Reserve Fund constituted with the unexpended amounts provided for in the Budget;

(b) the date on which Government have sanctioned such a P. W. D. Reserve Fund and the object with which it is constituted; and

(c) the total amount of such Reserve Fund at the close of 1120 and the probable amount of such Reserve Fund by the end of 1121?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Yes.

(b) 29-1-1943. The fund is constituted with the object of preventing lapse of unspent balance and utilising the same in the subsequent year or years under a three year plan for continuing the execution of original works under buildings, communications and Miscellaneous Public improvements.

(c) Rs. 8,02,557—and Rs. 18,02,557.

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